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Title: VACCINE AGAINST INFECTIOUS AGENTS HAVING AN INTRACELLULAR PHASE, COMPOSITION FOR THE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF HIV INFECTIONS, ANTIBODIES AND METHOD OF DIAGNOSIS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified prior application be amended as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 4, delete the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs and replace these paragraphs with the following in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121. A marked up version showing changes is attached.

The peptides according to the present invention are the following:

01-P1 IQRTPKIQVYSRHPA (SEQ ID NO: 1)

(Ile-Gln-Arg-Thr-Pro-Lys-Ile-Gln-Val-Tyr-Ser-Arg-His-Pro-Ala)

02-P4 FHPSDIEVDLLKDGE (SEQ ID NO: 2)

(Phe-His-Pro-Ser-Asp-Ile-Glu-Val-Asp-Leu-Leu-Lys-Asp-Gly-Glu)

03-P9 ACRVNHVTLSQPKIV (SEQ ID NO: 3)

(Ala-Cys-Arg-Val-Asn-His-Val-Thr-Leu-Ser-Gln-Pro-Lys-Ile-Val)